

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 277

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate MaryStewart Lewis on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, MaryStewart Lewis will be recognized as a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 28th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis first worked in the school admissions departments of her two alma maters, Wesleyan College and Girls Preparatory School, before joining BellSouth (AT&T) in 1999. Rising quickly through the ranks, Ms. Lewis was named as the Regional Director for External and Legislative Affairs in 2008; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of community service, MaryStewart has volunteered her time to a number of civic and community organizations, including the Downtown Rotary Club, and has rendered sterling service as a member of the boards of directors of the Urban League, Hamilton County Read 20, Memorial Health Care System Foundation, and the Junior League of Chattanooga; as the co-chair of the Siskin Children's Institute Family Association; and as a member of the Wesley College Board of Managers; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Lewis is the recipient of the 2011 President's Volunteer Service Award and was named a Wesleyan Woman of Success; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, MaryStewart Lewis takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like MaryStewart Lewis, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate MaryStewart Lewis on being named a 2013 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.